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**NOTE FOR: Director of Central Intelligence**

**FROM: Deputy Director, Office of Legislative  
Liaison**

1. As I mentioned this morning, State's efforts to avoid amending our Authorization Bill to include a provision that would limit the numbers of Soviet and Bloc personnel with diplomatic status in the U.S. to a like number of Americans granted the same privileges there were unavailing. Thus, an amendment reading approximately as the attached draft will be introduced. (Please note that Section D of the proposed bill has been altered to say in effect that either the Director or Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions shall be a person with counterintelligence experience.)

2. We have been informed that it is not likely that you will be asked to comment on the amendment. However, if you are asked, or wish to volunteer a comment, you should point out:

(a) There is, as yet, no unanimity within the Administration on this issue. State Department adamantly opposes the legislation on the grounds that it would violate agreements with the USSR. Department of Defense and the FBI favor the legislation as it would reduce the counterintelligence threat in the U.S.

(b) You might wish to say that appropriate legislation that will result in equality of numbers of people granted diplomatic privileges is indeed desirable to reduce the counterintelligence threat. Care should be taken, however, that such legislation does not affect existing agreements and the State Department should have an opportunity to be heard on that. In crafting legislation, care should also be taken to avoid the possibility that this legislation could result in the Soviets' taking countermeasures that would seriously harm our intelligence collection efforts in the Bloc.

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